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Baker, Kramer answer questions about possible CBF increases at State of the Student Address

Rachel Glas
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Tuesday night's State of the Student address was dominated by discussion of the proposed College Based Fees increase.

Associated Students Inc. President Angela Kramer and Cal Poly President Warren Baker held a town-hall style forum to discuss issues including diversity and sustainability, but once the discussion turned to the CBF referendum — which students vote on today and Thursday — it never went back.

More than 50 students and faculty members attended the presentation, which was split into three parts: Kramer's speech, Baker's speech, and a question-and-answer session.

Baker began discussing the fee increase by giving a brief history of the issue in order to tell students how and why the university is asking for higher student fees.

Some reasons he mentioned include the state legislature cutting the higher education budget, coupled with a mandated increase in university enrollment. He also said the cost of Cal Poly's



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Cal Poly President Warren Baker and ASI President Angela Kramer took the stage last night to discuss multiple issues and answer questions about the upcoming vote to increase student fees.

"learn by doing" programs are much higher than programs at other California State Universities.

The school is asking full-time students to raise their college-based fees to \$362 next year, and an additional \$200 over the next two years. Part-time students would pay half that.

"I wish we weren't here at this critical juncture, but we are," Baker said. He went on to say that, although he couldn't give specific answers to what would be cut if the increase doesn't pass, a lack of money would impede the progress of students wishing to graduate.

He also mentioned that the tuition and living expenses students would incur by not graduating on time would be more expensive than paying the higher fee.

English sophomore Sarah Storelli, whose attendance at the meeting confirmed her vote supporting the increase, agreed on this point.

"Because of tuition increases, it'll save you money in the long run by not prolonging your graduation," she said.

Baker pledged that if the fee increase passes, the university will mount a larger campaign than

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Free conflict mediation service offers solutions to squabbles

Chris Jagger
MUSTANG DAILY

Fed up with your roommate's boyfriend staying over too often? Is your landlord being unreasonable? Having trouble agreeing on how to split bills? SLO Solutions can help students deal with their frustrations.

SLO Solutions is a free conflict mediation service that is offered to San Luis Obispo residents and is run through the local company, Creative Mediation. Cal Poly, Cuesta College and the city of San Luis Obispo created SLO Solutions in the summer of 2004 after watching years of conflict between students and long-term residents sharing the same city.

"Conflict is natural," said Creative Mediations staff member Amy Stapp. "We all have different lifestyles, but sometimes when it doesn't get dealt with it's frustrating, and when you have conflict where you live it's hard to get away from it."

The staff at Creative Mediations includes five mediators and four interns. They do not offer legal advice, but have been professionally trained to sit down with conflicted parties and resolve disputes through peaceful conversation. According to Stapp, when parties agree to mediate, they come to an agreement about 90 percent of the time.

"Mediation changes the way

people think about the problem," she said. "In conflict, people are often not at their best. Emotions are running; people have their own viewpoints. The great thing about sitting down with somebody you are in conflict with is you're able to hear things from their perspective."

Students are often in need of this type of service. More than 1,000 students have used SLO Solutions for conflict resolution since it began. The Creative Mediations staff has been featured at various student events including the Greek Summit retreat earlier this quarter.

The most common disputes are between landlords and tenants, since most students rent properties. Issues such as security deposit reimbursement, upkeep of the property and lease specifications are common matters that arise.

SLO Solutions also deals with conflict between college roommates. Whether roommates are having trouble with parking, noise, splitting bills, boyfriends, girlfriends or other issues, the staff at Creative Mediations says they can help. One way to resolve issues is to have parties sign a written agreement.

Stapp recalls one particularly heated conflict in a 10-house neighborhood made up of both renters and long-term residents. Since the renters had more cars than available parking spots, other residents were

forced to park far away from their homes. These residents organized meetings through SLO Solutions and constructively came to a solution, Stapp said. They drafted a proposal for more parking space, which was accepted by the city of San Luis Obispo and the issue was resolved.

"We're not therapy," Stapp said. "We are not therapists able to delve into people's emotional psyches. However, relational issues are often very present in conflict, so we're able to help people talk through them and see if they're able to come to a resolution."

In some cases, parties are unable to come to a compromise through mediation. According to Stapp, even in these rare circumstances, mediation is beneficial because the parties at least had a conversation, something that wouldn't have happened without a mediator.

Computer science senior Eddie Freeman works with Associated Students Inc. as a Chumash Challenge facilitator where he leads groups of people through team-building activities. Freeman can attest to the benefits that result from working together to solve problems.

"I think a program like SLO Solutions is a great idea," he said. "People often need help with their problems because everyone is biased and it's hard to put yourself in someone else's shoes."



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This SLO Solutions' poster illustrates a problematic issue students might encounter with roommates that they could help resolve.

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ever before to seek donations from private corporations and pressure the public to support higher education.

He reiterated that this is a non-binding advisory vote, but confirmed that during his tenure, he has yet to make a decision contrary to a student-advisory vote.

When questioned by the Mustang Daily, Kramer stated that she personally will vote no on the increase but said her vote shouldn't influence anyone else's.

"My initial reaction was that I'll do anything to support my university," she said.

"People who know me know I live and breathe Poly...When it comes down to it, my decision to vote no isn't against the deans, the univer-

sity, the provost or the president; it's a statement against the legislature and the taxpayers that have decided that higher education is no longer a priority."

When asked how the school would be able to support itself without the increase, Kramer said she thinks that sometimes people "play up situations like these to be a little worse than they will be immediately... Cal Poly won't collapse from within in a fiery rage if it doesn't pass."

She also said that she has many reasons for wanting the fee increase to pass, and cited her wish for a fund supporting sustainability-focused student projects, which is most likely only possible if the increase is passed.

Another query from the audience concerned why the university is able to fund programs such as the Recreation Center expansion and the University Union Plaza renovation when the school "can't afford faculty."

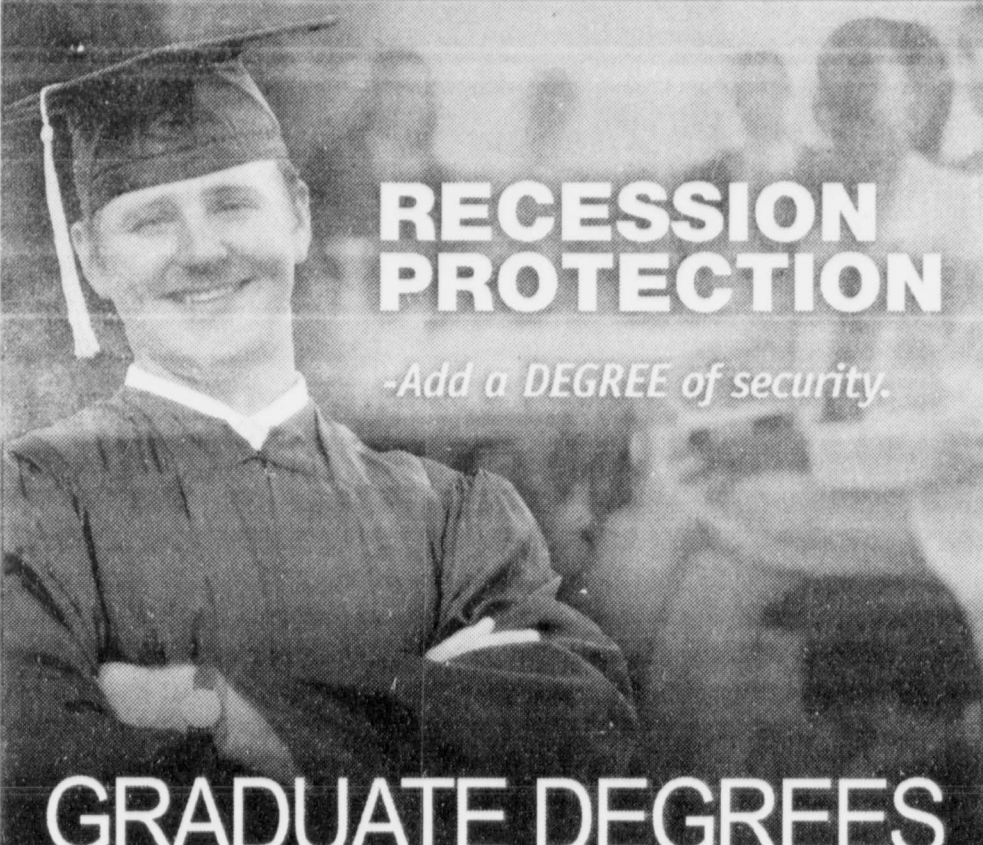
Both Kramer and Baker replied that those funds come from different avenues than academic funds and it would not be possible to use these funds for classes. Furthermore, the plans for both of these processes go back much farther than the current budgetary issues.

Students had differing reactions to the forum and many had concerns about how the additional CBF money would be spent.

Computer science junior Andrew Musselman said that before the session, he was "strongly against" the increase, and now he is "moderately against it."

"Honestly, I might even vote for it," he said.

However, he expressed concern that the extra money won't be used wisely. "I don't believe they will always listen to the student committees and use the money effectively," he said.



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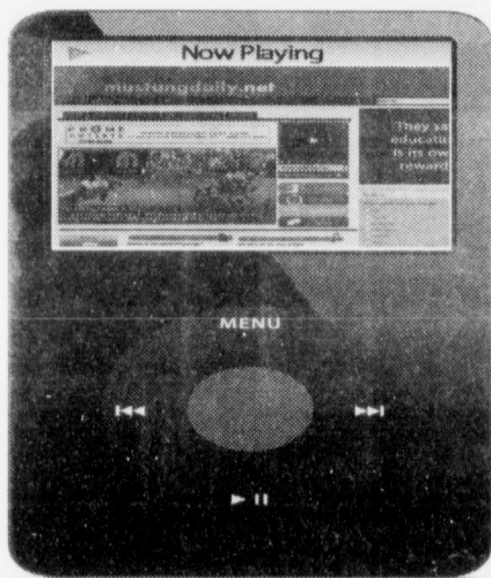
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Calif. expects \$31 B from federal stimulus program

Judy Lin

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California is in line to receive at least \$31.5 billion in federal stimulus funding, much of which will help plug budget shortfalls to education and other programs, state officials reported Tuesday.

Billions more will be available through competitive grants that Schwarzenegger administration officials say they will pursue aggressively. Landing additional grant money would push California's total closer to \$50 billion, administration officials said.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's chief deputy budget director, Ana Matosantos, told lawmakers the administration "will access all funds available."

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office released the first official rundown of the money California is expected to receive from the \$787 billion stimulus bill.

Most of the money will be used to fill gaps in education and health care programs. California also will get help with housing, welfare and unemployment programs. About 8 percent of the total will fund transportation projects.

Legislative Analyst Mac Taylor urged lawmakers to begin using the federal money to start highway and road projects that have been stalled by the state's budget crisis and the frozen credit markets that have prevented the state from borrowing money. He also urged them to act quickly to draw as much Medicaid funding as possible.

He warned lawmakers against using the money for ongoing programs because the stimulus funding should be considered a one-time infusion of cash. State revenue also is likely to fall below even the most conservative estimates, he said.

"The Legislature will need to take many actions in the coming months to ensure that the funds are used in ways that meet its priorities and preferences," Taylor wrote in the analysis by his office.

The report said about \$8 billion would help the state avoid cuts to education funding, minimizing the number of teacher layoffs. Schools are required to notify staff by March 15 that they could be laid off for the 2009-2010 school year, and the California Teachers Association estimates that 20,000 pink slips have already gone out.

The state and local governments could receive \$10 billion over the next two fiscal years for Medicaid, known as Medi-Cal in California, to provide health insurance for the poor. The state also could get \$5.4 billion to extend and increase unemployment benefits by \$25 per week.

California expects to receive \$2.6 billion for highways and roads from the transportation component of the stimulus plan. The state also could get an extra \$1 billion for bus and rail systems.

State officials already are receiving suggestions about how to spend the money. In the wake of last year's Metrolink train crash that killed 25, the California Public Interest Research Group has recommended spending \$22 million on a global-position device to prevent Los Angeles-area commuter trains from running into each other.



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Nick Stamos, representing various education and labor groups, tapes up a sign urging lawmakers to reject a proposed state budget plan, at the office of Assemblyman Ted Lieu, D-Torrance, at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif..

Schwarzenegger welcomed the federal government's help as the state economy continues to struggle and unemployment hits double digits.

Last month, Schwarzenegger signed a two-year budget package intended to close a \$42 billion shortfall through June 30, 2010. The plan included a mix of spending cuts, tax hikes and borrowing, some of which will need voter approval in May.

"Calculating California's share of the stimulus spending is important for taxpayers because the amount will determine the fate of a higher personal income tax. Lawmakers temporarily raised the personal income tax by 0.25 percent in the recently enacted budget package.

If California receives at least \$10 billion for its general fund, the income

tax increase will be reduced to .125 percent. The state also would avoid \$1 billion in cuts.

When asked whether California would indeed receive the \$10 billion for its general fund, Schwarzenegger said he didn't know. "I mean, you know, there's mass confusion still at this stage," he said, noting that California will receive money for schools, universities, health care and infrastructure. A preliminary review by his staff and the Legislative Analyst's Office project the state will fall \$2 billion short of the goal. A public hearing has been scheduled for March 17 to help the treasurer and finance director make that determination.

—Associated Press Writer Juliet Williams contributed to this report.

FBI investigate bombing of UCLA professor's car

The FBI is investigating the firebombing of a vehicle belonging to a UCLA neuroscientist who uses animals to study schizophrenia and drug addiction, officials said Monday.

The professor's car was the target of a suspicious arson as it was parked outside his home on Saturday, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said. No one was hurt.

The Animal Liberation Front posted a message in which the Animal Liberation Brigade claimed responsibility for the bombing on its Web site Monday. The bombing is the latest in a series of violent acts against UCLA researchers, university spokesman

Phil Hampton said.

UCLA and several local and federal agencies have offered a combined \$445,000 in rewards for information on five separate incidents aimed at UCLA faculty who use animals in medical research.

"The actions of extremists who use violent and illegal tactics are utterly reprehensible and beyond contempt," UCLA Chancellor Gene Block said.

In April, the university obtained a preliminary injunction that prohibits the harassment of staff involved in animal research and bans posting researchers' personal information online and in fliers.

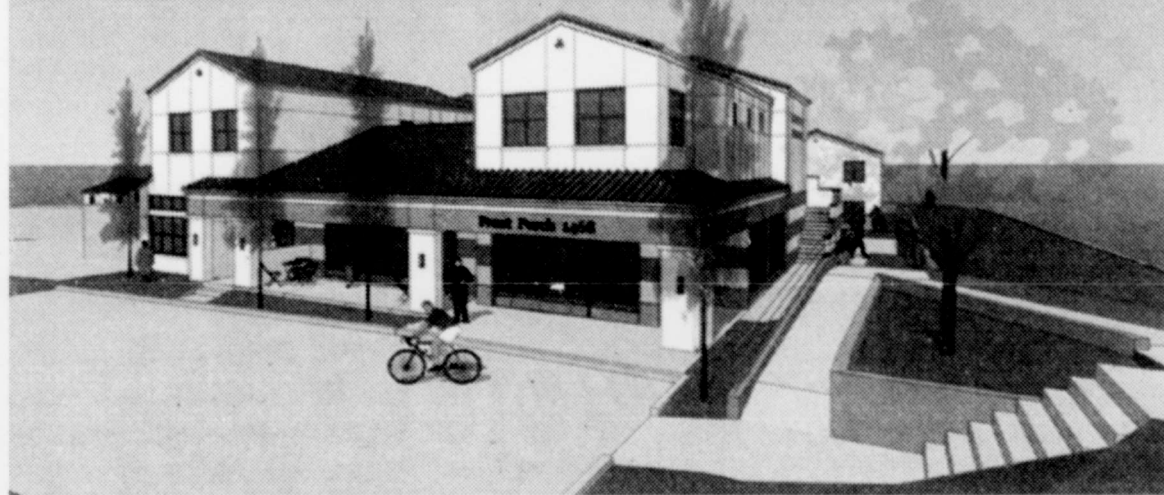


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Museum reveals engraving hidden in Lincoln watch

Brett Zongker

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For nearly 150 years, a story has circulated about a hidden Civil War message engraved inside Abraham Lincoln's pocket watch. On Tuesday, museum curators confirmed it was true.

A watchmaker used tiny tools to carefully pry open the antique watch at the National Museum of American History, and a descendant of the engraver read aloud the message from a metal plate underneath the watch face.

"Jonathan Dillon April 13 -

1861," part of the inscription reads, "Fort Sumpter (sic) was attacked by the rebels on the above date." Another part reads, "Thank God we have a government."

The words were etched in tiny cursive handwriting and filled the space between tiny screws and gears that jutted through the metal plate. A magnifying glass was required to read them.

Jonathan Dillon, then a watchmaker on Pennsylvania Avenue, had Lincoln's watch in his hands when he heard the first shots of the Civil War had been fired in South Carolina. The Irish immigrant later recalled

being the only Union sympathizer working at the shop in a divided Washington.

Dillon's story was passed down among his family and friends, eventually reaching a New York Times reporter. In a 1906 article in the paper, an 84-year-old Dillon said no one, including Lincoln, ever saw the inscription as far as he knew.

Dillon had a fuzzy recollection of what he had engraved. He told the newspaper he had written: "The first gun is fired. Slavery is dead. Thank God we have a president who at least will try."

For years the story went unconfirmed.

The watchmaker's great-great grandson, Doug Stiles, first heard the tale of the engraving from his great uncle decades ago. He said the story had reached extended family as far away as Ireland.

A few months ago, he used Google to find the New York Times story, and last month he passed the information along to Smithsonian curators, who knew nothing about the engraving.

On Tuesday, watchmaker George Thomas, who volunteers at the museum, spent several minutes carefully opening the watch as an audience of reporters and museum workers watched on a video monitor.

"The moment of truth has come. Is there or is there not an inscription?" Thomas said, teasing the audience, which gasped when he confirmed it was there. He called Stiles up to read his ancestor's words, drawing smiles and a few sighs of relief.

WORD ON THE STREET

"Would you ever seek out advice for roommate issues?"

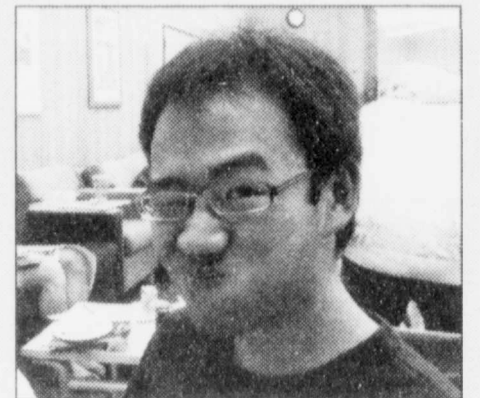


"Yes, because I don't think you should overlook roommate disagreements because you have to live with them."

-April Manaloto,
biochemistry freshman

"Probably not. I'll just move out or talk to them and stick it out."

-Jeff Ku,
industrial technology senior

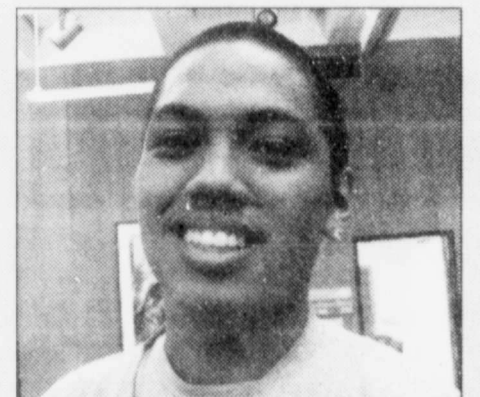


"I would just talk to the roommate. I would address it directly or talk to friends to get advice."

-Maeh Alshawaf,
nutrition junior

"(In) roommate issues, outside help might not do much. I would probably go to the head of housing or I'll just deal with it."

-Marc Perez,
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Police are investigating at least four separate shootings, all believed to be done by one gunman, whose name was not released, the Alabama Department of Safety said in a statement.

The shootings began late in the afternoon in Samson. The shooter killed five people in one home and one each in two other homes.

The gunman also shot at a state

trooper's car, striking the vehicle seven times and wounding the trooper with broken glass.

He then killed someone at a Samson supply store and another person at a service station, the safety department said.

Police pursued him to Reliable Metal Products just north of Geneva, about a dozen miles southeast of Samson, where he fired an estimated 30 rounds. One of the bullets hit Geneva Police Chief Frankie Lindsey, who was saved by his bullet proof vest, the safety department said.

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Campus a capella group leaves its own mark on music

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Music senior Rory Fratkin recalled the first time he ever saw Take It SLO perform during UU Hour and thought, "I will be in that group!" After two-and-a-half years of performing with Cal Poly's a cappella group, Fratkin can sit back and say he followed through with his plan.

Acoustics carry a lot of weight if you're not just singing the latest Britney Spears tunes in the shower or trying to make glass break. For members of Take It SLO, good acoustic feedback is golden.

"We perform pop songs without any instruments. We make the sounds of the instruments with

our voices," Fratkin said.

Whether it's performing at Thursday's UU Hour or singing to help raise money for the Wheelchair Foundation, Take It SLO relies on quality vocals to produce an a cappella hit.

"It's really fun to watch them. (A cappella) is something you don't see all the time. Usually there are bands playing at UU Hour, but (Take It SLO) was something different," said liberal studies senior Heidi Vigario, who has seen them perform at both UU Hour and Relay for Life.

But the a cappella group isn't just a bunch of kids who sing scales all day long. They also manage to arrange their own renditions of popular contemporary songs.

"They're all our own interpretation of a contemporary pop song. It's all ours," said construction management sophomore and Take It SLO member Chris Lawrence.

"All of the ideas for songs we sing come from the minds of the members in the group," Fratkin added.

Take It SLO has had a hand at performing well-known hits such as Seal's "Kiss from a Rose," OneRepublic's "Apologize" and Will Smith's "Men in Black."

They also have arranged original vocal medleys. Their pop medley features Justin Timberlake's "SexyBack," and the Pussycat Dolls' "Buttons." They also have a Disney medley which features

childhood favorites like "Under the Sea," "Circle of Life," "A Whole New World" and "You'll Be in My Heart."

"Everyone loves Disney," Fratkin said.

Neither categorized as an Associated Student Inc. club nor a music group, Take It SLO is in a league of its own.

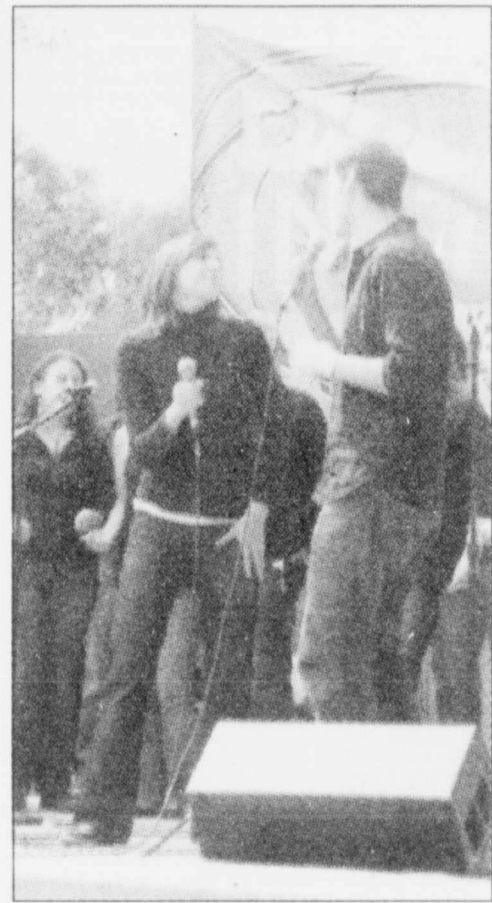
Managed entirely by the students who make up the 16-member group, Take It SLO takes advantage of the freedoms they are given. Certain members take on unofficial leadership roles to run rehearsals, organize events and book performances, just to name a few.

"We get to do what we want because we're student run. We do it as we see fit," said Fratkin, who acted as the group's unofficial music director.

Taking a step away from traditional choirs, the group was started in 2003 by a small batch of students looking for an alternative for collective singing.

The result was a collection of students from diverse backgrounds and majors unifying to do what they loved to do: sing.

"Getting to know these people has been so fun. Without this type of a group, most of us wouldn't have even met each other while we've been here at Cal Poly. I wouldn't have met most of the people who aren't involved in music outside of Take It SLO. It's something that drew them — the music and what we do. It's very



COURTESY PHOTO

close-knit," Fratkin said.

Rehearsing about five hours a week sometimes isn't enough for the members of the group who have become a family.

"It's kind of like our version of a fraternity or sorority. We do things together on the weekends. We have our practices that aren't just 'get there and sing.' We hang out, too," Lawrence said.

The group recorded their first self-titled album last summer and released it early last October. They have already experienced success with selling over 500 copies of their CD, which features 11 songs.

Currently, the group is gearing up for their upcoming big spring concert, where they will be performing about 16 songs.

"I'm going to continue performing with Take It SLO as long as I'm here. I love it. It's defining my college life. It's a big part of my life," Lawrence said.



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Members of Take It SLO are known for their own versions of popular songs, including Justin Timberlake's "Sexy Back," and Disney medleys.

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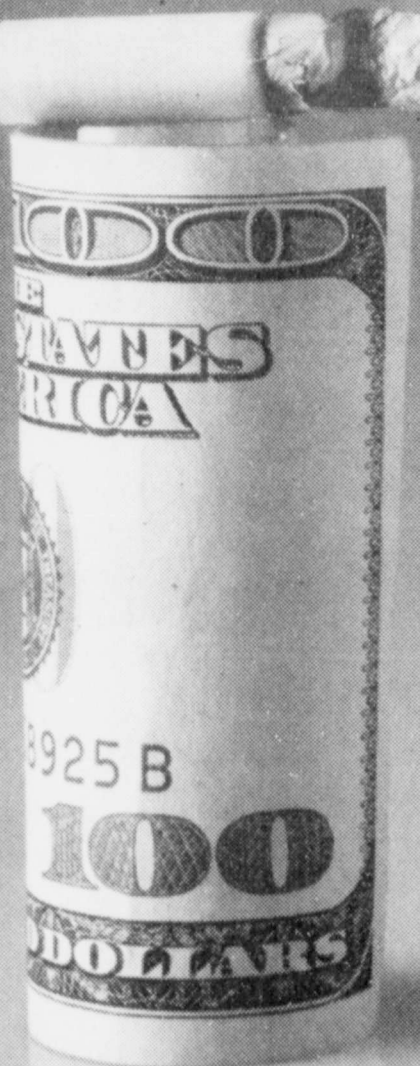
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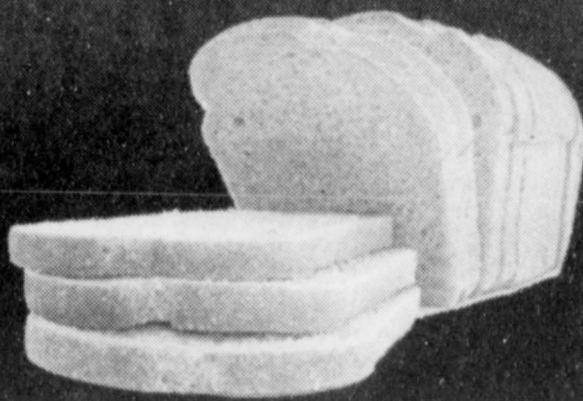
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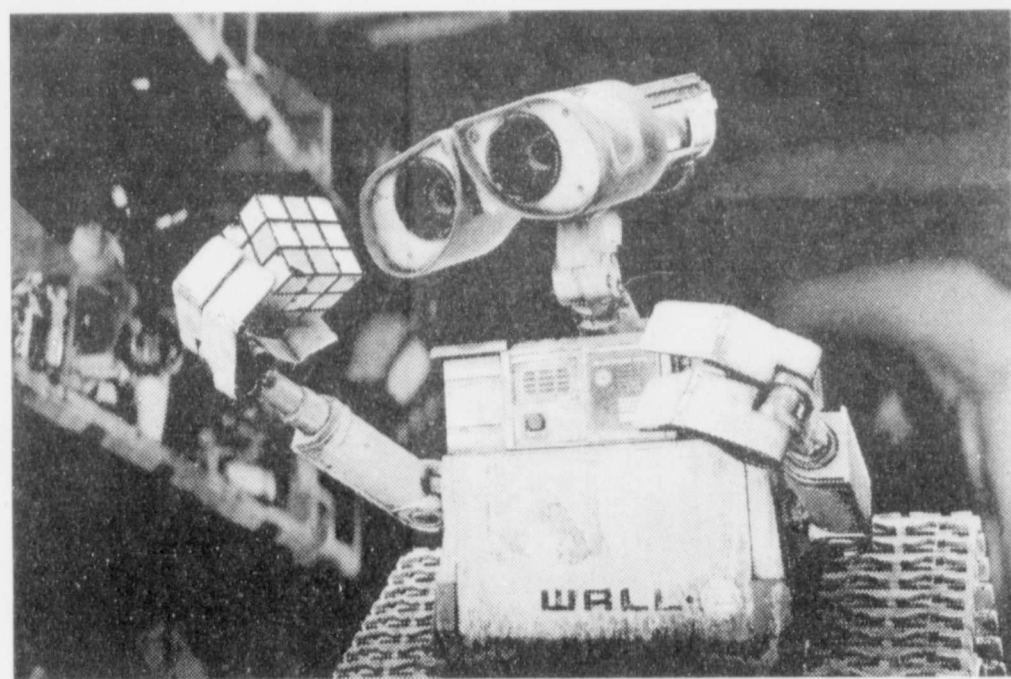
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Disney takes clue from WALL-E, seeks to cut waste



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LOS ANGELES — The Walt Disney Co., which brought the world the futuristic trash-compacting robot "WALL-E," has decided to create less of a mess itself.

The Burbank-based company said Monday it is seeking to halve the greenhouse gases it emits directly from fuel consumption at its theme parks, cruise ships and office and retail spaces by 2012 from 2006 levels.

It also set a goal of reducing electricity consumption by 10 percent from 2006 to 2013.

The company produced some 566,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide-equivalent gases and used 2 billion kilowatt hours of electricity in 2006.

Disney also sought to cut the amount of waste it sends to landfills to half of the 2006 level of 170,000 tons by 2013.

Long-term, the company seeks to produce zero waste and net zero direct greenhouse gas emissions.

The goals were ambitious ones, given that the company is spending \$1 billion to expand and overhaul its California Adventure theme park, including a new "Cars" area based on its

Pixar Animation Studios movie.

It also plans to construct two new cruise ships, in addition to its current pair, set to hit the seas by 2012. Cruise operations account for nearly half the company's greenhouse gas emissions.

Beth Stevens, senior vice president of environmental affairs, said the goals will create efficiencies and cost savings but could also require investments, such as funding programs such as planting trees to offset emissions.

"In the long term, they're going to help us both with our growth and our environmental goals," Stevens said.

The company also for the first time released figures that show the popularity of menu changes begun in 2006 that, as a default, serve kids meals with apples or other healthy side dishes, and milk, juice or water, instead of the usual french fries and soft drink.

About two-thirds of parents in U.S. parks and more than 95 percent of those in the Hong Kong theme park accepted the healthier choices.

At the Paris theme park, while 85 percent accepted healthier drinks, only 15 percent chose healthier sides instead of fries.

That could be because parents saw the occasion as a treat or because the healthier side dishes weren't seen as appropriate, said Jennifer Shein Anopolsky, senior vice president of corporate responsibility.

"WALL-E," released last June, depicts an Earth so covered in trash that it has been abandoned by humans who have grown obese and lazy and live on a space resort run by the Buy N Large Corporation.

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comic column

The dangers of obsession



I was at a loss when trying to decide what I should write about this week; I feel like I've reviewed quite a few superhero comics as of late, probably more than any normal human being could handle, save a handful of dorks (myself included). I finally decided to share my favorite graphic novel: "Blankets," written and illustrated by Craig Thompson.

"Blankets" is a personal memoir of sorts, remembering Thompson's childhood and adolescence. It is the story of the brutality of sibling relationships, adolescent alienation from being "different," first loves and the dangers of obsession.

Now, there are a lot of "indie" graphic novels out there that deal with the same themes as "Blankets," but more often than not, they come off as shallow or contrived and always with a hint of cynicism. On the other hand, "Blankets" above all else comes off as honest and heart-felt.

"Blankets" is first and foremost a story of high school first loves. That theme alone can seem entirely banal, but interweaved in the story is a much larger concept: obsession. This air of obsession not only manifests itself in Thompson's love affair, but in his childhood compulsion to draw; a form of escapism, as part of his intense devotion to religion and

to alleviate the trivialities of adolescent isolation. These obsessions, though good intentioned, often envelope his life but eventually lose their meaning and slowly begin to slip away.

But even though these obsessions seem to drift, they are never completely gone. There is always a relic of that all-too-foreign sentiment that continually lingers. As in the final line of the book, "How satisfying it is to leave a mark on a blank surface. To make a map of my movement, no matter how temporary."

I am not pretentious enough to classify art into various stages of greatness, from "low" to "high" art. However, if ever I were to do such a thing, Thompson's artwork in "Blankets" would resoundingly be placed into the high art category. And that isn't purely in relation to other comics and graphic novels, but in the entirety of art.

Thompson has a phenomenal ability to portray emotions. From anger and terror to joy and rapture, Thompson can flawlessly render emotional sentiment. There are many scenes in this graphic novel that can only be justified as beautiful, as in the abstract motion of breath, a heartbeat or the sound of falling snow. Thompson's work can

be almost painfully beautiful.

I know some of you may still be thinking that "Blankets" just sounds like another shallow story about high school. And I know we've all been a little jaded by John Hughes movies. But Thompson's work really transcends those clichés. "Blankets" is art and a graphic novel at its finest.

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staff editorial

Students should pass fee increase to maintain Cal Poly's quality of education

Each of us attending Cal Poly is doing so because we, as individuals, are looking to better our own individual futures. We invest thousands of dollars and hours into our higher education because we truly believe that we will see a worthwhile return on that investment in terms of fulfilling careers and higher salaries. Higher education is a personal choice that yields largely personal benefits, yet at a taxpayer-subsidized public university like ours, the idea of paying more for our own education isn't always as readily received — even in the midst of a state budget crisis.

The referendum to increase every full-time Cal Poly student's college based fees to \$362 per quarter stems from necessity. For years now, mandates set in place by the California State University system Chancellor's Office have required Cal Poly to increase its enrollment year after year, yet the CSU's promise to proportionately increase state funding with enrollment has fallen flat. The result: Cal Poly has a \$25 million deficit, less classes and ever-increasing class sizes. The university is now asking the students themselves to submit an advisory vote to President Warren Baker, indicating whether or not we would approve such an increase.

In other words, the question really comes down to how much we value our education, in terms of real dollars. The referendum puts Cal Poly at a crossroads: we can choose to keep Cal Poly where it is now — as the most prestigious university in the CSU system and one of the best public undergraduate universities in the nation — or we can choose to let a budget crisis bring us down. We can choose to pay a small fraction of our potential future incomes more in order to maintain the high standard of education we currently receive — or we can choose to let class sizes increase, lab equipment become outdated, part-time instructors to be laid off and full-time faculty overstretched with teaching more classes than ever before. This vote must be passed out of desperate necessity — we're in the hole, and there's no CSU system bailout on the horizon from our deficit-ridden government or alumni.

As the Mustang Daily reported last week, the effects of not passing the fee vary by college, but broadly means less classes, larger class sizes, less funding for labs and new equipment and full-time faculty teaching more classes. The College of Liberal Arts, which currently holds a \$1 million deficit, will likely have to lay off part-time faculty and drastically reduce classes offered, meaning minimal opportunities for students to double-major or double-concentrate. The colleges of Engineering, Science and Mathematics, and Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences will lack funding to purchase new equipment and properly maintain labs, and may see the remaining curriculum becoming heavily lecture- instead of lab-based. The College of Business will lay off some lecturers, freeze hiring and cut the number of upper- and lower-division classes. And the College of Architecture and Environmental Design could risk losing accreditation, along with being unable to upgrade technology and books.

The bottom line is that Cal Poly has already reached the tipping point. At last night's State of the Student Address, Cal Poly President Warren Baker said "You can't expect us to meet your needs if you can't

provide the support."

Students are being asked to foot the bill for educating themselves, and they should do so.

Compared to other public universities, Cal Poly is a bargain of an education — even if the fee increase passes. Consider that Cal Poly's annual student fees are \$5,043. In comparison, UC Berkeley costs \$8,932, UC Davis \$9,484, UC Irvine \$8,775 and UCLA \$8,310. Looking at private universities in California reveals even more of a disparity: Stanford costs \$36,000, Cal Tech \$35,000 and the University of San Diego \$39,000.

Graduating seniors who are reluctant to cast a vote should consider too that there is an intrinsic value associated with a Cal Poly degree that is very closely tied to the school's reputation. Employers won't think back on what Cal Poly "used to be" back when it had enough funding; they'll look at the reputation of the school at that time and judge your degree accordingly. Think too of what you're leaving behind when you graduate here. Do future students deserve the same quality of education you received from this university, or should they settle for a lesser version of Cal Poly?

There are of course larger lessons to be learned here about government bureaucracy and misallocation of resources at the state level. We

are, in effect, being asked to pay more to maintain the same level of education we currently have. And if this referendum does pass, university administrators should take it with a very stern warning: We the students are entrusting you with our hard-earned money, and we expect you to spend it wisely. Please, take a stand against the Chancellor's Office and let them know that Cal Poly will not be pushed around; this referendum's passage would not be a sanction for them to mandate increasing enrollment even more. That is, after all, one of the

biggest reasons we are in the financial trouble we are now in.

Cal Poly needs to spend its money like it's poor — watching every penny and negotiating as much as possible — because it is. Don't think that, like other bailouts, our money (if given) will come without some strings attached. There must be more student oversight of how CBFs are distributed, regardless of whether this increase passes. CBF committees were created with the ideology that students would make the majority of the decisions.

The university has said this increase is necessary to keep Cal Poly at its high standards. That may be so, but students should be proactive in determining how their money is spent, from voting on this increase to being on their department's CBF committee. If it's our money that saves the university from going in the red, we should have an appropriately larger influence on financial policies.

The decision you are faced with today and tomorrow directly concerns your education and your career. Should you choose to pass this resolution, you, as a student, will make a bold statement, one that tells President Baker that you are willing to invest in Cal Poly because you recognize what a degree from here yields us. Vote yes to increase college based fees; your education is still the best investment for the future you can make, and Cal Poly is still one of the best universities to provide you with that education. Let's keep it that way.

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Be wary of what you read: History is written by those who win

Ideally, history is synonymous with fact. But reality often thwarts such a vision. History is frequently misinterpreted, and facts themselves are twisted and confused.

Successful political leaders throughout the ages have understood, history is a very powerful tool for molding attitudes and behaviors. In today's climate of general ignorance, retelling history is an especially effective and convenient weapon of persuasion. Given the easy success of blatantly erroneous historical accounts, politicians do not even have to trouble themselves with devising clever and slippery shadows of the truth nowadays. Politicians are simply following their natures, of course, and we ought not be surprised. After all, there is little motivation to adhere to a standard of truth when "we the people" are no longer dutiful or vigilant and much less educated, enough to enforce such a standard.

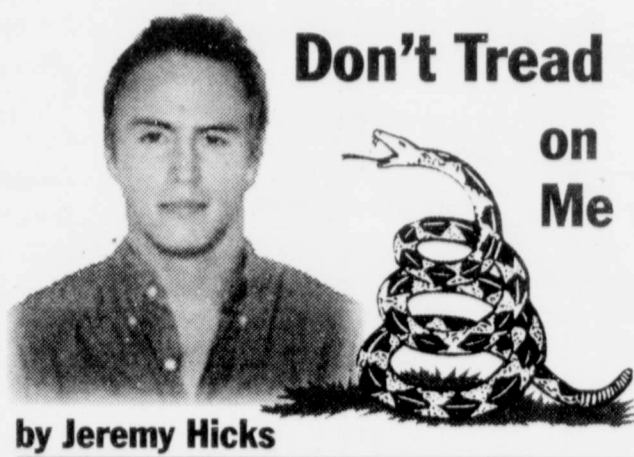
Among those who are deservedly held to a somewhat higher standard of history telling, that is historians, there is another method for obstructing the truth and that is the suppression of certain facts. I don't, of course, mean to suggest that this suppression is necessarily willful or malicious; the omission of certain facts is frequently necessary to reduce history into manageable textbooks.

Suffice it to say that history is inevitably shaped and invented according to the set of facts which are introduced. And as these limitations affect recorded history, so they affect attitudes and behavior.

Consider for example what is probably the single most important episode in our nation's history, our revolution. Here, many different versions of the truth compete for center stage due to the abundant political rewards that may be achieved by distorting and altering the story of our nation's birth.

Mainstream history frequently incorporates many of these errors. Take the following statement: Colonial Americans revolted against the British crown in order to acquire liberty and certain associated rights. This is a widely accepted notion that would not arouse much argument if brought before a general, or even an educated, audience.

The tale that is often painted for students is one in which colonial Americans were beaten and badgered by the cruel British until, finally, the proverbial back was broken with one last



by Jeremy Hicks

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monstrous offense which only the British could conceive, a tax on tea. But the historical reality, which records attest, is that the early Americans were fighting not to acquire, but rather to preserve and enlarge freedoms they already possessed.

This is not a minor difference of word choice. Our Revolution came as a momentous surprise to the world. Even prior to our revolt, we were quite possibly the freest people on the earth, freer by far than we are at present. While the Crown's treatment was perhaps not always cordial, among all of her many colonies America was like a favored child.

The fact that a revolution did occur and that a quibble as slight as the tea tax could be interpreted as such an affront attests to an attitude among early Americans which is strikingly absent today. Early Americans were remarkably selfish and protective of their liberties; we, by contrast, can hardly recall those enumerated in our Bill of Rights.

I stress the contrast between the two historical interpretations for this reason. The prevailing interpretation is one which can (and is) easily be construed to support the notion that revolutions need not arise until a people feel properly poked, pinched and prodded. But, in many ways, the early Americans were in a far less servile and trodden state than we find ourselves in today. Unlike us, they were keenly aware of their liberties and attentive to even minor trespasses there against.

Ample justification exists for perpetuating the first historical interpretation. After all, if Americans today were aware of how relatively minor were the grievances that impelled their forefathers to rise in opposition to the world's greatest power, how much more ready might we be to do the same today, having suffered multiple abuses of a much larger scale at the hands of our own government.

But such an understanding would greatly imperil our present emperors and would resultantly jeopardize the teaching positions of those historians who are in the emperors' employ as part of our government created and supported education system, so don't hold your breath.

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guest commentary

More transparency needed for student fee vote

Perhaps the administration would have seen greater attendance at their forum had they considered more than their own personal schedules when planning the event. I, for one, would have loved to attend, but with the only campus-wide forum occurring between 3 and 4 p.m. on a Monday, it took only one class conflict to keep me from being able to attend and ask questions. If any real consideration had been given to the potential audience for the forum, maybe the planners would have considered a 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. time slot, where it would have generally required two class conflicts to completely block being able to attend. Even attending half of such event would have been better than not being able to attend at all.

In regards to administrative salaries, I was appalled to hear the defense of President Baker's salary was to compare his position to the salaries of CEOs in the private sector. As far as I'm concerned, if salary is an issue, then he is welcome to leave and find himself a well-paying company to lead. I want someone heading our school who is here because he is passionate about the students he is serving. Also, concerning the salaries of CEOs in the public sector, are we not all aware that the CEOs of General Motors and Chrysler have agreed to a \$1 salary while receiving government aid? In addition, Steve Jobs has been on a \$1 salary for several years, even before the recent economic trouble. I'm not asking the same of President Baker, but to say that he takes a salary of \$328,000 with allowances

over \$60,000 to "do public service"? I would rather see a few new faculty hired with money saved from administration cuts than hear another lame justification about how Baker's salary is "peanuts" compared to top CEOs.

I attended the engineering forum for information on the proposed fee increase. My conclusion was that, although hard to justify financially for myself, the best thing for Cal Poly's engineering program is to pass the fee increase. I feel like my department is being honest and level-headed about the situation, and that the money will be spent responsibly on maintaining the quality of education I expected to receive by coming to Cal Poly. However, I have heard rumors from other departments basically threatening to drop classes across the board if the initiative is not passed. Also, even though I feel my department is responsible, I don't know that I can say the same about the university as a whole. I want to act in the best interest of my department, but is the university administration acting with the same intentions?

Let me make my point: The recent news about the pending UU Plaza renovation shocked me, given the current economic situation we are facing. I understand that a committee was probably formed years ago to evaluate renovation, and the money was gathered to make the project happen, and that all of that probably happened before the economy began to collapse, but do we really need to follow through with the plans that have been made? Is it

impossible to step back and re-evaluate how reasonable the proposal is given our current conditions? Personally, I would much rather see the \$4.4 million spent on instructors and labs, things that contribute to the education of the students, rather than a new shape of concrete near the UU.

Also, I have heard that much of the budget crisis has come about because of increased enrollment encouraged by the state, while the promised funding for this growth is yet to come. I have heard about the additional course shortages that will likely occur if this fee does not pass, but I have not heard any suggestion that freshman enrollment would be scaled back to a sustainable level. It is not our fault that Cal Poly has been accepting more students, and it is not our fault that the state has failed to reimburse Cal Poly for this growth, but shouldn't the university consider not doing as the state suggests given the state is not fulfilling their promise back to the university?

Maybe I'm incorrect about all of this, and maybe everything is just as it should be, but from the information that has been available to me regarding the proposed fee increase, I am left with these lingering thoughts. I feel like I should pass the initiative for the sake of the College of Engineering, and for the sake of my own education, and Cal Poly's reputation as a fantastic engineering institution. However, I am disappointed with what I have seen from the university as a whole. Maybe it is just the lack of transparency, or information, but I just don't always feel like the best decisions are made campus wide. If there are answers to justify my concerns, please, someone, make them known - I will be waiting until late Thursday to make my final decision on the vote.

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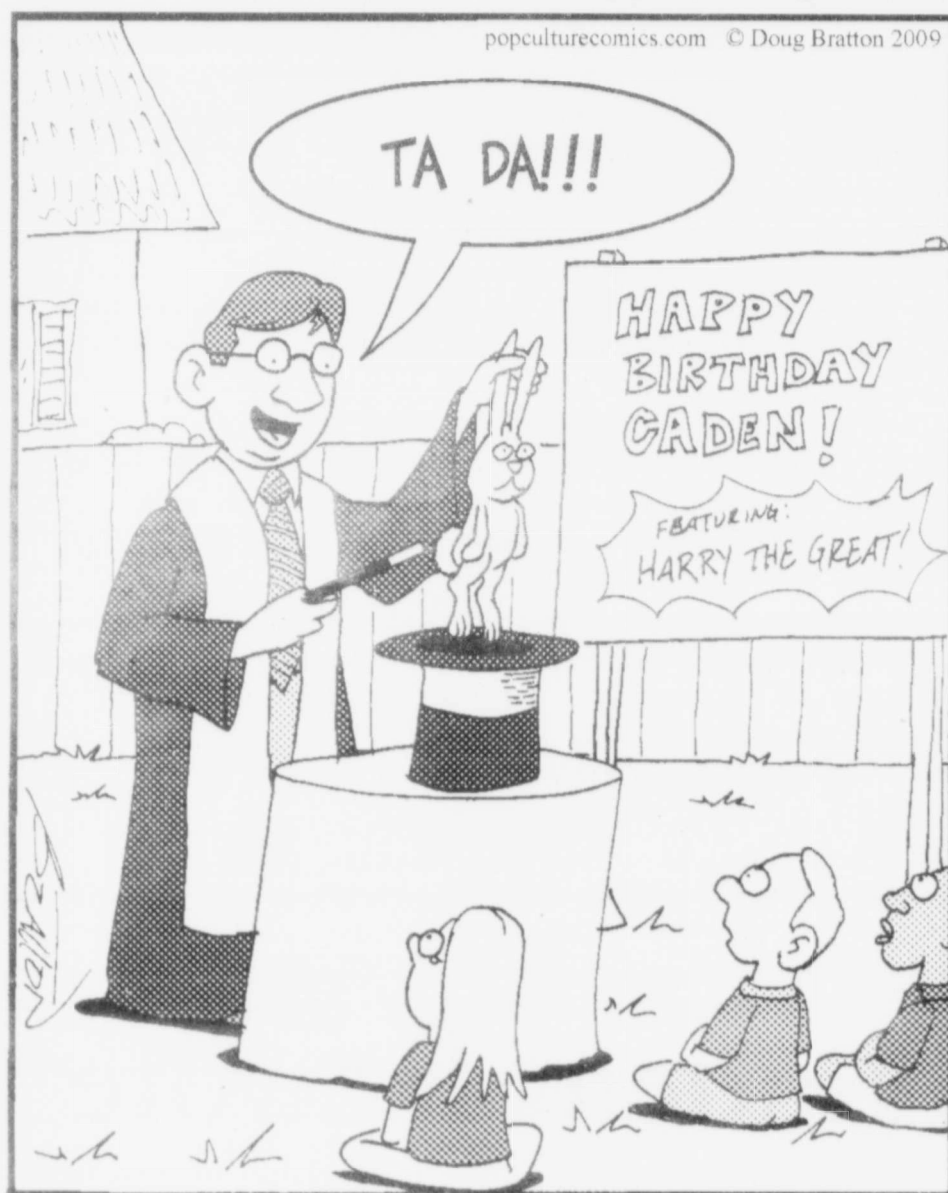
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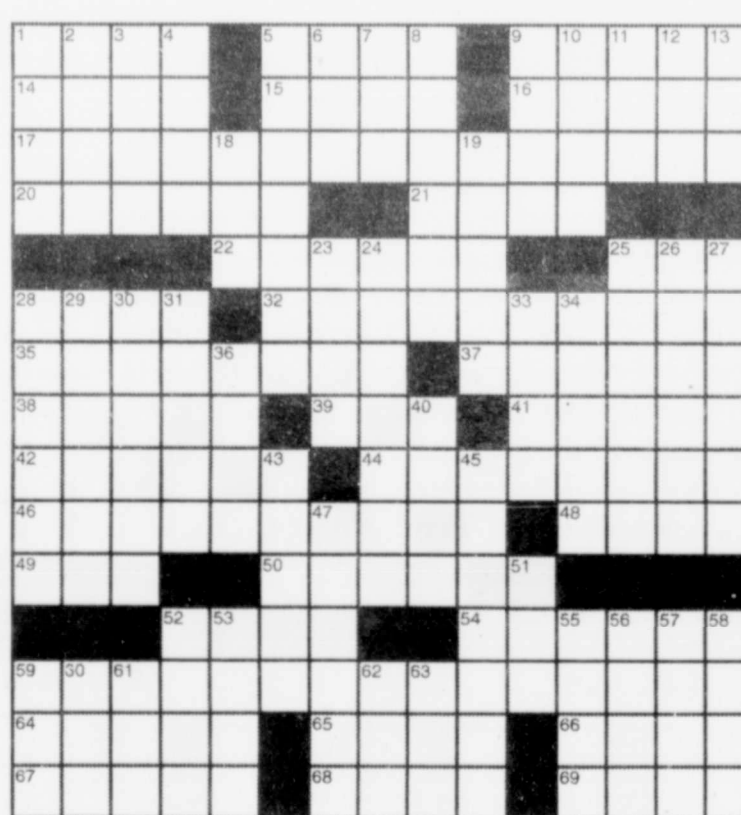
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Faith

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WNBA draft picks this decade, five years removed from coming within nine points of a Sweet 16 upset over eventual national champion Connecticut, led by Diana Taurasi. "They've always been in first place, and it's been solid, and we've been lingering."

She couldn't help but momentarily revel when asked about the upcoming opportunity to clinch a winning season, painstakingly staring at an imaginary wristwatch.

"Is it here yet?" she laughed about the annual Valentine's Day meeting between the Central Coast neighbors. "There won't be a lot of love on the court for either team."

Three days later, assistant Kerri Nakamoto sat on the floor of the women's basketball offices upstairs in Mott Gym, a DVD of the teams' previous meeting in hand, and opened a film session by looking into each player's eyes, saying, "This is the game we've both been thinking about."

Both had reason to. In their first encounter, Jan. 17, Cal Poly led 29-13 at The Thunderdome with less than a half-minute remaining in the first half. Then the Gauchos reeled off 13 unanswered points, the start of a 40-12 run that triggered a 55-45 win.

As footage of the loss unfolds, Mimnaugh stands in the back of the room, quietly nodding to Nakamoto's analysis and occasionally intervening to answer questions posed by players fixated studying scouting reports as if their college graduations depended on it.

"Who doesn't love to win?" Mimnaugh later says of the team's mindset.

Fans certainly do. The game's attendance of 1,737 broke the all-time program record.

Although the Mustangs lost a 51-50 lead and fell 66-62, the audience dwarfed the crowd of 721 that took in the men's team's next home game.

They might get another shot at the Gauchos. After finishing 19-10 — the best mark in the program's Division I history — the Mustangs earned a No. 3 seed to the conference tournament, and will tip off at noon Thursday in Anaheim against an opponent to be determined.

A long time coming

For every injured player whose picture she points to on the wall, Mimnaugh can recall triumphs — some lofty, such as Jessica Eggleston and Emilie Ravn playing professionally in Spain and England, respectively — and some subtle.

"It's all the little tiny successes," she says. "It's Lisa McBride, watching her for four years sometimes hide when it comes to crunch time, and her stepping up and taking big shots, even when she hasn't made the last two — when in the past, Lisa has a tendency to think her two shots are 20 misses, when it's like, 'No, Lisa, you're one of the best shooters we've ever had in the program!'"

Apparently, Mimnaugh's gotten her point across.

McBride drilled six of 10 shots from beyond the arc on her way to 18 points during the second game against the Gauchos, an improvement from a two-point performance amidst the earlier loss.

"This is a great opportunity for me to hopefully influence young people," Mimnaugh says. "Basketball's a small part of it. It's just an opportunity to teach in a different format. As much as I want to win a championship this year, the trophies that I have won are the successes of the kids I have coached. And that's a pretty nice trophy case."



GREG SMITH, MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly players gather around head coach Faith Mimnaugh, middle, as she diagrams a play for her team during a timeout last season.

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runs in four innings by Pepperdine on Tuesday.

Despite the rough start defensively, Cal Poly (8-3) trailed just 6-5 going into the sixth inning on the strength of freshman second base-

man Matt Jensen's grand slam in the third inning. Jensen's homer improved his season-high total to six.

The Waves (10-3) would bust the game open with eight runs over the next two frames.

Pepperdine's Ryan Van Amburg went 4-for-5 with two singles and two homeruns. He knocked in five runs while scoring four after coming into the game averaging

just .222 with no homers and four RBI.

Cal Poly's eight hits came from eight different players over the course of the game. Reliever Cole Cook picked up the win for Pepperdine, giving up just one hit in 4 1/3 innings.

The Mustangs continue their road-trip with a 6 p.m. makeup game at San Jose State tonight.

Smith

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2005. The 49ers now have Smith under contract for the next two years at a salary more commensurate with his four up-and-down years with the club.

"I don't measure myself in my contract in terms of what I'm making," said Smith, who missed most of the past two seasons with arm injuries. "Having gone through what I've gone through the last couple of years, and being on the sideline, I guess I've got a different perspective on this game. When it came time to restructure the contract, it wasn't anything to do with ego. I just wanted the chance to compete."

Smith hasn't been fully healthy since shortly after a promising 2006 season during which he took every snap for the 49ers. His shoulder problems, which began with a sack early in the 2007 campaign, stoked a periodic feud with former coach Mike Nolan and seriously hampered both men's careers.

Smith, whose honeymoon in the Maldives delayed negotiations on his new deal, still thinks he can live up to the promise that compelled the 49ers to choose him at the top of the notoriously flimsy 2005 draft ahead of Aaron Rodgers, Braylon Edwards, DeMarcus Ware and Shawne Merriman.

"Alex expressed a deep interest to remain with the team, and that feeling was mutual," said 49ers general manager Scot McCloughan, a longtime Smith supporter who acknowledged he would have been forced to release the quarterback before training camp without a re-worked deal.

Smith reflected Tuesday on his tumultuous times before and after San Francisco made him the No. 1 pick, recalling how he felt swept up in a whirlwind after he led Utah to a perfect record and a Fiesta Bowl victory in the 2004 college season. Coach Urban Meyer's offense turned Smith into a consensus top prospect, and he left the Utes one year early to take advantage.

Although he anticipated the pressure and scrutiny of being a top pick, he was less prepared for abrupt adulthood. Practically overnight, he went from being an economics major sharing a house in Salt Lake City to a multimillion-

aire with a hilltop home in Silicon Valley and heavy expectations from a long-suffering fan base.

"I'm just much more mature mentally, not to say I was immature," said Smith, who turns 25 in May. "I just think I've grown up a lot. I have a better outlook on it mentally, a better strength. My life outside of football is in a better place."

Smith had his darkest times after he attempted to return too quickly from his shoulder injury in 2007. His struggles opened a rift with Nolan, with each accusing the other of misunderstanding the injury.

Smith underwent shoulder surgery after the season, but then broke a bone elsewhere in his shoulder last year. He didn't play at all last season, undergoing more surgery in October to clean up his shoulder.

The restructured contract allows Smith to join the 49ers on Monday for their first offseason team meetings and a minicamp next weekend under Jimmy Raye, San Francisco's fifth offensive coordinator in Smith's five seasons. Smith, who believes his often injured shoulder is healthy enough to suit up for the minicamp, couldn't have participated in the workouts without a new contract because of insurance liabilities.

After Mike Singletary replaced Nolan midway through last season, Smith became more outspoken about his desire to stay in San Fran-

cisco. Smith has passed for 4,679 yards in 32 career games with the 49ers, throwing 19 touchdown passes and 31 interceptions.

"There's definitely a different feeling around the facility with coach Singletary here, and some of the people he's brought in," Smith said. "It's pretty easy to see when you're out here, especially when I think back to my first few years and what was going on out here. Top to bottom, I think we're headed in a better direction. I really feel like we're close, and when you look at last season and what happened with Arizona, it's just a good example of what can happen."

After the 49ers' pursuit of free-agent quarterback Kurt Warner was rebuffed last week, Smith is expected to head into training camp in competition for the starting job with Shaun Hill, who is 7-3 as a starter over the past two seasons. San Francisco also signed veteran quarterback Damon Hubbard last week.

Smith is looking forward to the friendly competition with Hill, who served as a groomsman in Smith's wedding Feb. 21 in San Francisco.

"Shaun has played well, and we're really good friends," Smith said. "He's done a really good job in there, that's obvious. I'm glad it's against Shaun. He's a great guy. I can't think of a better guy to compete against. With me and him, it'll all be on the table."

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Mimnaugh reflects on past, present and future

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California dreaming

Time is something Mimnaugh has had.

From 1997-98 through last season, Mimnaugh went 121-185 and didn't post an overall winning record in any of those 11 seasons at Cal Poly.

"Obviously, I'm where the buck stops for final decisions, and blame comes my way," she says.

After Evansville, she weighed her options and discovered Cal Poly, where she started as an assistant to Karen Booker in June 1996, making \$5,000 more than she did as a head coach at Evansville. (According to the Sacramento Bee state pay database, she now makes \$94,524.)

"I flew out here, and it was beautiful," she says.

San Luis Obispo may have been, but the team's play wasn't, as the Mustangs floundered in their first three seasons at the Division I level, going 14-68, including a 9-46 mark under Booker.

"It was a little bit below Evansville's level of ability, in my opinion, but at the same time, I thought that there was a chance for this to grow, when I looked at the school and the environment," Mimnaugh says.

She couldn't wait to get started.

"She was somewhat reserved, but had some fire to her," says Cal Poly athletic director Alison Cone, one of just 29 female athletic

directors among Division I, comprised of more than 300 schools. "She's a person of great integrity. She was a good technician of the game. She's an extremely hard worker."

Mimnaugh, one of the 15-coach department's three female head coaches, signed a two-year

extension heading into the 2007-08 season.

It came after peaks, such as a 76-70 win in 2001 that snapped the 49-game winning streak

of UC Santa Barbara (which finished ninth in the previous year's AP poll) and prompted the Santa Barbara News Press to proclaim, "The nearby Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant has never produced this big a shock."

Or in 2006, a comeback from an 11-point halftime deficit at the hands of Oregon State to win 68-65 seized the program's first victory over a Pac-10 school since 1978.

A n dit followed valleys, like surrendering 18 unanswered points in the final two minutes of a 71-69 loss to Cal in 2001, or, for reported underage drinking, suspending six players a day before the start of the 2003 conference tournament, which the leftovers quickly exited with an opening-round loss.

"God's in control of my future, and I'm always just going to give my best," Mimnaugh says.

Both Mimnaugh and Cone say she has another season after this one.

Beyond that, Cone said she doesn't publicly comment on coaches' job statuses in the middle of the season, but did add, "Certainly, there's been progress. This year's team's pretty special. There's significant talent there. They're playing together as a team. Very good things are happening in the program right now."

The time is now

In her office, Mimnaugh points to Mustangs team photos from each of the past 11 years like an NBA historian playing a game of "What if?" about Bill Walton, Bernard King or Grant Hill.

"It really is quite remarkable," she says of past injuries. "I can look at all these pictures that I've

Keeping the Faith

part two of a two-part series on Faith Mimnaugh

added here and I can say, 'She was out, she was out and she was out.'"

One of those "shes" was Stephanie Brown Trafton, who left the program in 2000 after two injury-riddled seasons and went on to win a gold medal in the women's discus at the 2008 Olympic Games.

But she wasn't the last promising player Mimnaugh lost.

From 1999-2000 through 2006-07, Cal Poly had players succumb to season-ending injuries 15 times, and saw others miss significant time on five occasions.

Several of those lost were all-conference stars, team leaders or multi-year starters.

One of the first was Caroline Rowles.

"(Rowles) was maybe the best player I've ever had here," Mimnaugh says when recounting past injuries, before catching herself with, "'T' is going to be probably surpassing her in that category pretty quickly."

The Mustangs, led by "T," or Santiago, have been surpassing much of the rest of the country in teamwork, ranking eighth in the nation in assists as of last week, at 16.5 per game.

Although the program had used that kind of depth and ball movement to win six straight by early February, though, the Mustangs' greatest test — UC Santa Barbara — still awaited them.

With her hands dead-seriously clasped at a Feb. 9 news conference, five days before the 15-7 teams' second meeting this year, Mimnaugh turned her attention from reporter to reporter, ready for anything. She hardly blinked as the questions came, seemingly wanting to stare into the world an understanding of how important the week was to her.

Had she ever been involved in this big of a regular-season game?

"No," she said of the Gauchos, the alma mater of four

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MUSTANG Round-up

Mustangs continue to roll

softball

GAME 1:

CAL POLY 3,
PROVIDENCE 1

GAME 2:

CAL POLY 12,
PROVIDENCE 1 (5)

The Cal Poly softball team won its ninth and tenth consecutive games sweeping a doubleheader against Providence on Tuesday at Bob Jansen Field.

Sophomore pitcher Anna Cahn continued her stellar play with a four-hit complete game in the early game with the Friars (3-12).

With Providence leading by a run midway through the third inning, the Mustangs (16-6) would tie the game after a leadoff triple by senior center fielder Jessica Rogers was followed by an RBI single from freshman right fielder Nora Sobczak.

The Mustangs would capitalize on an error in the fifth inning to score the final two runs of the contest.

Cahn would shut down Providence for the remainder of the game, scattering four hits while striking out five. She lowered her ERA to 1.46 in the win.

In the second game of the day, Cal Poly never let the flustered Friars into the game, scoring seven runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to close the door.

Junior first baseman Krysten Cary

homered twice for the Mustangs, hitting a two-run shot in the third and a solo homerun in the fourth.

Cahn, who participated in the second game as designated player, and senior shortstop Melissa Pura also homered for the Mustangs.

Pura finished with two hits and four RBI for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs have the next week off as they prepare to play in the Sacramento State-hosted Capital Classic starting March 21.

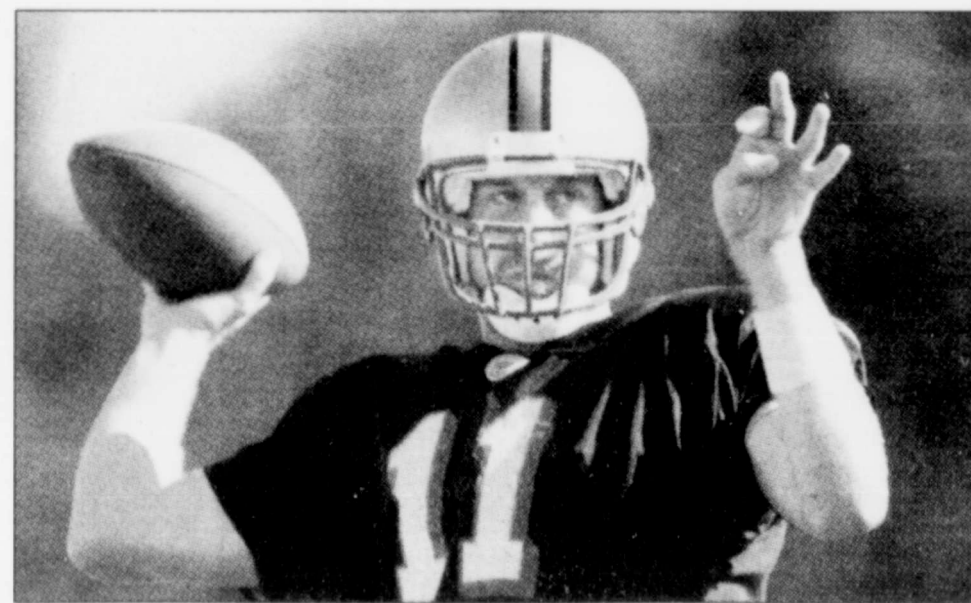
baseball

NO. 11 PEPPERDINE 16,
NO. 17 CAL POLY 6

Starting his first collegiate game after only having one inning of experience, Cal Poly freshman pitcher Jeff Johnson (0-1) was roughed up for six

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Niners keep Smith with restructured contract



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Alex Smith, shown above during preseason workouts last year, will take a big paycut to remain with the San Francisco 49ers this season.

Greg Beacham
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Quarterback Alex Smith easily could have started over with another team. Instead, he's determined to finish what he started in San Francisco.

The former No. 1 pick is stay-

ing with the 49ers after agreeing Tuesday to a restructured contract sharply reducing his base salary.

Smith was due to make nearly \$10 million in the upcoming season under the deal he signed in

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